

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues that we work together and find a solution to have conditions such as neuropathy be covered under the World Trade Center Health Program.

Tomorrow, I will be proud to have Michael as my guest for the State of the Union Address. I am proud to be his Member, as he is a constituent of the Third Congressional District.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. NUNN of Iowa) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God, You are our refuge and our strength, a very present help in times of trouble. We offer our prayers today asking that You provide the people of Turkey and Syria, who are in the throes of the unfathomable devastation of today's earthquake, refuge from this disaster and strength to endure its indiscriminate destruction.

Be their rock even as the Earth still crumbles beneath them. Shelter them under Your wings until this disaster passes. Erase the divide of politics and past hatred by the rescue efforts and humanitarian aid of their neighboring countries, and then from the rubble may there emerge the shared responsibility we each have as humans one for another in times of suffering.

Embrace in Your arms all who have lost loved ones this day and uphold those who are still awaiting news of those not yet rescued.

In the midst of this tragedy, grant each of them the certainty of Your abiding spirit. May their fears be relieved though the Earth should change, their uncertainties assuaged though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea. For You, O Lord, are their refuge and their strength, a very present help in these times of trouble.

In the hope to be found in You and in the promise of Your name, we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

CCP BALLOON INVASION

(Mr. ALFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the most critical national security threat our Nation is facing today: the Chinese Communist Party and their invasion of our U.S. airspace.

The recent Chinese surveillance balloon was allowed to fly unchecked from one end of our country to the other, reaffirming that the CCP is the top threat to our national security. I am beyond outraged at the fact that this administration has allowed this to happen.

Was he asleep behind the wheel of his Corvette?

Unfortunately, that does seem to be the case because this did not just occur for hours, it went on for days.

At the hands of this administration, the CCP was allowed to invade our airspace, and it happened right over our district, right over Whiteman Air Force Base, the home of the B-2 stealth bomber.

As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I will not back down until we get answers.

We cannot allow China to walk all over us and outpace us militarily. This administration continues to project weakness on the world stage, and it must end. We need answers. We must have a plan to stop the Chinese Communist Party's clear and blatant military aggression.

HONORING AND COMMENDING THE PINOLE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SPARTANS FOOTBALL TEAM

(Mr. GARAMENDI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the Pinole Valley High School Spartans football team upon winning the 2022 Division 7 California State championship. This outstanding achievement marks the first high school State football title secured by the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

This accomplishment would not have been possible without the tireless dedication of Pinole Valley players, coaches, parents, students, and educators. The Spartans' unwavering commitment to their craft and their remarkable teamwork represent the very best of our students, athletes, and schools.

This championship title demonstrates both the talent of the Spartans football team and their discipline. They exemplified the character, steadfastness, and capability that is cultivated at Pinole Valley High School.

On behalf of the constituents of California's Eighth Congressional District, I congratulate the Pinole Valley High School Spartans football team for achieving this championship title and reassert my continued support and pride for all of our student athletes.

PRESIDENT BIDEN SHOULD RESIGN

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the catastrophic Chinese spy balloon spectacle clearly threatened American families from Alaska to Missouri to North Carolina and to my home community in South Carolina with Fort Jackson and the Savannah River Site.

This confirms that President Biden and Vice President HARRIS should resign.

My call for their resignation was valid in August 2021 due to the surrender and the disastrous withdrawal in Afghanistan with 13 dead, creating a safe haven for terrorists to attack American families.

It was not political in 2021 when the succeeding President, then-Speaker NANCY PELOSI, would have been a Democrat.

And it is not political now in 2023 when the succeeding President would be Speaker KEVIN MCCARTHY, who is a Republican.

It is irrelevant for American families which party is in power because the first criterion of a leader should be their capability regardless of party, and sadly, Biden and Harris are failures.

Resignation now is further reinforced by their open border policies having allowed hundreds of identified terrorists

into America to commit mass murder. When the domestic attack occurs, Biden and Harris will not be able to adequately respond. Credible leadership is imperative to protect American families.

PATHWAYS TO THE AMERICAN DREAM

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, the college-for-all mentality failed our country's students.

It failed students who paid or borrowed for degrees with no return on their investment.

It failed workers who lack the skills to succeed in their field.

It failed businessowners who are left with open positions they can't fill.

And it failed entire industries suffering from a widening skills gap.

That is why I cosponsored the Promoting Employment and Lifelong Learning (PELL) Act.

The PELL Act will allow students to use Pell grants for high quality, short-term education programs, creating even more pathways to the American Dream.

Instead of financing an expensive diploma, students will obtain in-demand skills so they can be successful in the workforce. This is the right path forward for postsecondary education.

RECOGNIZING ANNIE PALMER OF INDIANOLA

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Annie Palmer of Indianola who received the Grow Your Future Award from the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation.

Each year, the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation offers the Grow Your Future Award to young Iowans who work in agriculture to help grow their businesses. Last year, Annie submitted her business, H8R Acres, which raises Berkshire hogs and Navajo-Churro sheep for their meat and wool.

After several rounds of voting, Annie was selected as a finalist which involved a pitch-off to determine which award she would receive. At the end of the conference, Annie went home with \$2,500, which she plans to put toward building a new shed for lambing or farrowing.

I also thank the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation for hosting this annual competition to financially support the next generation of Iowa farmers. This competition has been a great way to encourage young farmers to get into the agricultural business and grow the farming community in Iowa.

Congratulations to Annie and the rest of the winners of this year's Grow Your Future Award. I look forward to seeing their businesses produce.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 2, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on February 2, 2023, at 4:50 p.m.

That the Senate passed S. 223.

That the Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 11.

Appointments:

Senate Trustee to the James Madison Memorial Fellowship foundation

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the 118th Congress

Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution

Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China

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Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution

Washington's Farewell Address

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 6, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Under Clause 2(g) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I herewith designate Ms. Lisa P. Grant, Deputy Clerk; Mr. Kevin F. McCumber, Deputy Clerk; and Ms. Cheryl H. Muller, Director of Personnel, to sign any and all papers and perform all other acts for me under the name of the Clerk of the House for which they would be authorized to do by virtue of this designation, except such as are provided by statute, in case of my temporary absence or disability.

This designation shall remain in effect for the 118th Congress, or until modified by me.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk of the House.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1700

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. GREENE of Georgia) at 5 p.m.

HOOR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE HISTORIC LANDS REACQUISITION ACT

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 548) to take certain Federal lands in Tennessee into trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 548

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act".

SEC. 2. LAND TAKEN INTO TRUST FOR THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS.

(a) LANDS INTO TRUST.—Subject to such rights of record as may be vested in third parties to rights-of-way or other easements or rights-of-record for roads, utilities, or other purposes, the following Federal lands managed by the Tennessee Valley Authority and located on or above the 820-foot (MSL) contour elevation in Monroe County, Tennessee, on the shores of Tellico Reservoir, are declared to be held in trust by the United States for the use and benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians:

(1) SEQUOYAH MUSEUM PROPERTY.—Approximately 46.0 acres of land generally depicted as "Sequoyah Museum", "Parcel 1", and "Parcel 2" on the map titled "Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Map 1" and dated April 30, 2015.

(2) SUPPORT PARCEL.—Approximately 11.9 acres of land generally depicted as "Support Parcel" on the map titled "Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Map 2" and dated April 30, 2015.

(3) CHOTA MEMORIAL PROPERTY AND TANASI MEMORIAL PROPERTY.—Approximately 18.2 acres of land generally depicted as "Chota Memorial 1" and "Tanasi Memorial" on the